(b) whether, apart from its ability to control different broad leaf weeds, it has also led to an increase in the yield; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views on the use of this new seed, to improve the growth rate in the agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Sir, The total sale of various herbicides for the control of weeds in wheat crop in the year 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 was 1412.5, 1423.5 and 1357.0 MT (Technical Grade) respectively in Punjab out of which the sale of 'Leader' during these years was 7.5 MT, 9.5 MT and 11.5 MT. In Haryana, its sale was 3.0, 5.0 and 5.53 MT, respectively. In Uttar Pradesh, the herbicide 'Leader' is not reported to have been used during these years.

(b) By controlling weeds in wheat crop with the use of herbicides, the yield of crops is reported to increase. This fact is true for all herbicides including 'Leader'.

(c) As has been mentioned in part (a) and (b), it is not a new seed but a herbicide. Farmers are advised to use a suitable herbicide as per the crop condition for control of weeds.

Subsidy to fertilizer sector

934. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total quantum of subsidy given to the fertilizer sector during the last three years;

(b) the names of fertilizer manufacturing companies to whom this subsidy has been given during that period and the amount given to each of those companies; and

(c) the amount of subsidy given to marginal farmers, especially those who hold below five acres of land, giving the figures State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Urea, being the only fertilizer under statutory price, distribution and movement control, is covered under Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme and is eligible for payment of subsidy under the scheme. The quantum of subsidy paid on indigenous and imported urea during the last three years is given below:

S.No.	Year	Subsidy on indigenous urea	Subsidy on imported urea	Total subsidy on urea
1.	1999-2000	8670.00	74.07	8744.07
2.	2000-2001	9480.00	00.98	9480.98
3.	2001-2002 (upto 28.2.2002)	7426.76	44.66	7471.42

(b) Names of companies and amount of subsidy paid to indigenous urea manufacturing companies during the period 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 (up to 28.2.2002) is given in enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The urea is sold at statutorily notified Maximum Retail Price throughout the country which is uniform for all farmers including the marginal farmers. Separate figures of subsidy availed by the farmers by the size of the holding are not maintained.

Statement

Amount of Subsidy paid to indigenous urea companies

(Rs. is crore)

Unit	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-2002 (up to 28.2.2002)
1	2		3
Nagarjuna Fertilizers-I	389.20	199.51	171.95
Nagarjuna Ferts.-II (Expn.)	349.87	298.50	195.21
FCI, Ramagundam	11.19	0.01	0.00

1	2	3	4
HFCI, Namrup-I	0.04	0.00	0.00
HFCI, Namrup-III	5.20	2.54	8.99
FCI, Sindri Modn.	148.59	142.17	51.51
HFCI, Barauni	1.65	0.00	0.00
Bokaro Steel Plant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zuari Industries Ltd., Goa	294.16	470.75	314.15
GSFC, Baroda	156.38	36.06	129.13
KRIBHCO, Hazira	264.59	158.93	300.49
IFFCO, Kalol	147.21	172.16	195.16
GNFC, Bharuch	201.24	260.86	260.61
NFL, Panipat	236.97	363.73	293.57
MCFL, Mangalore	200.99	322.53	249.25
FACT, Udyogamandal	225.54	318.72	65.77
RCF, Trombay-V	82.27	95.56	56.42
RCF, Thal	269.92	446.61	490.43
RCF, Trombay-I	9.25	0.00	00.00
NFL, Vijaipur-II (Expn.)	266.35	187.69	207.52
NFL, Vijaipur	219.19	109.85	107.54
FCI, Talcher	8.96	0.01	0.45
PPL, Paradeep	0.00	0.00	0.73
NFL, Nangal	180.09	200.88	265.67
NFL, Bhatinda	300.61	368.43	304.13
Chambal Fert. Gadepan-I	521.23	331.42	222.98
Chambal Fert. Gadepan-II	121.50	603.02	623.54
RSMML	0.00	0.00	0.80
Sriram Ferts., Kota	222.32	278.32	175.94
NLC Neyveli	25.32	55.52	61.44
MFL, Madras	321.02	429.68	315.99
SPIC, Tuticorin	436.90	629.58	458.00
EID Parry	4.31	1.82	1.37
Oswal Chem. & Ferts. Ltd.	409.31	314.50	172.22
IFFCO, Aonla-I	216.92	86.90	76.92
IFFCO, Aonla-II (Expn)	215.01	185.97	144.41
IGFCC, Jagdishpur	271.24	260.68	101.29
IFFCO, Phulpur-I	372.97	383.19	345.20
IFFCO, Phulpur-II (Expn)	592.78	705.36	522.1

1	2	3	4
Duncans Industries Ltd.	533.83	683.42	312.19
TATA Chem. Ltd., Babrala	439.17	374.03	223.50
W.B. Mineral Devp	0.36	0.00	—
Coromandal Ferts. Ltd.	-3.75	1.09	0.17
HFCI, Durgapur	0.00	0.00	0.01
Total	**8670.00**	**9480.00**	**7426.76**

Diversification of IFFCO

935. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to diversify the activities of IFFCO in the insurance sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) IFFCO, KRIBHCO and Indian Potash Ltd. in collaboration with Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Company, Japan have incorporated a joint venture company under the name and style of IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company Ltd. on 8th September, 2000. The company obtained a certificate to commence business from the Registrar of Companies and also a license from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority on 4th December, 2000. The company is presently marketing 35 products.

Production cost of fertilizers

936. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertilizer subsidy is given to cover the high cost of fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, the increase in the cost of production of fertilizers in both the public and private sectors, since 1998; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to minimise the cost of production and to increase efficiency of plant use?